

**Lower Fremont Distribution System  
2011 Annual Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2011**

Lee called the meeting to Order

Kirk Forbush read last years meeting minutes for 2010. Lee Sim asked for corrections and comments and made the following corrections. The total for budget last year was incorrectly stated to be \$9,667.00 and actually is \$10, 381.00.. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes for 2010.

**Becky Taft presented the 2010 commissioner report:**

Spring and summer was really cold and wet with freezing until the middle of June. There was good water then but people were reluctant to use it because it was too cold until the middle of July, then it turned off warmer and drier and then the river flow was slower. We were able to get the users primary rights until the middle of July and then it started raining and a lot of flooding occurred.

Becky then discussed her concerns with the maintenance of Hanksville Ditch and the measurement device there. Ronnie Albrecht explained the maintenance of the diversion and the measuring devices that are present on the system.

There was a discussion concerning the floods that occurred this spring/summer and the problems caused.

Mike Silva agreed to meet with Commissioner and Hanksville Irrigation Company to review Hanksville system and operation.

Becky stated that she kept her mileage down as requested. She still made about one trip a week.

Mike Silva discussed the Caineville USGS gauge on the river. Questions were raised concerning its accuracy and usefulness in administering the river.

Becky discussed the concerns of water users at Notom. A discussion of the challenges of regulating the water between Notom, Sleeping Rainbow and Lower Bowns ensued.

Water users on the system expressed frustration with how the water was managed and also with Commissioner Taft for not being responsive to their telephone calls and emails concerning the management of the water.

Mike Silva explained to the group how the distribution on Pleasant Creek should work. He stressed the importance of communicating between the water users and the

commissioner. He discussed the possibility of getting the Bureau involved to install an automated operated gate to alleviate some of the problems.

The group then discussed further problems and issues involved in operating the Lower Fremont River system.

Lee Sim called the meeting back to order. He stressed the importance of communicating between the water users and the commissioner. He encouraged the commissioner to be responsive to communication from the water users.

Mike Silva commented there were no delinquent accounts on the system.

Lee answered questions from the group regarding the water commissioner duties.

Mike Silva read the financial report into the record.

The motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded and all in favor.

The budget was discussed for 2011. Total budget is \$10,261.00.

Motion was made by Forrest to pass the budget, seconded and all in favor.

Phil moved to set assessment @ \$8,500.00, seconded and all in favor.

Darin made a motion to retain Phil Pace as the Upper Chairman and Ronnie Albrecht to represent the lower users. The motion was seconded by Forrest and all in favor.

The question was raised concerning the division line between upper and lower divisions. Lee said it was below Capitol Reef diversions and also explained that it is divided by geography. Notom, Caineville are lower and the rest comprise the upper users.

The meeting was then adjourned.